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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for
Authority to Increase Retail Electric, Natural Gas and Water Rates

6680-UR-111

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider Wisconsin Power and Light Company's (WP&L) August 1, 2001, application for authority to increase its electric, natural gas, and Beloit water and Ripon water rates in such amounts as will permit WP&L to yield revenues sufficient to meet increased costs of service and produce a reasonable return on its investment. The Commission's approval for these rate increases is being sought pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.20(2m) and 196.37(1).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Parties may begin discovery immediately. Additional procedures regarding the discovery process will be discussed at the prehearing conference. To obtain a current list of parties call Nancy Anthony at (608) 266-1261.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Mary McIlwee at (608) 267-7915.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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